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Chamber's overview of business registrations for first half of 2011

ORANJESTAD -- The registration of new businesses in the registry of the Chamber of Commerce up to the month of June 2011 shows a slight decrease for the first half of the year. Last year, between January and June there were 584 new business registrations; while for this year there were 574 registrations of new businesses during the same time period.

There are some key differences in the general figures. The number of sole proprietorships show a slight decrease (368 in 2010 and 364 in 2011), likewise the number of NV's have diminished (175 in 2010 and 163 in 2011). They also noted a significant increase in the registration of VBA's, which is a new business format introduced in 2009 which up to recently was not interesting to business owners possibly because it is not well known.

However, in the first six months of 2011 31 VBA's were registered, which is more than the 18 that was registered in all of 2010.

While these figures for the first half of the year is not yet indicative of economic growth, other indicators like personal income tax, import duties and the sales tax, according to publications from the Central Bank, does show an indication of growth. This could be explained by the increased activity of existent companies who have augmented their activities which have reflected in larger incomes for the government. In any case, there is an improvement compared to 2009 when only 444 new businesses were registered.

According to the Aruba Chamber of Commerce, Aruba's economy for the rest of 2011 will be greatly dependant on the international econ-

omy and specifically on the situation of the United States, where unemployment continues to be high. It appears that the US economic recovery is very slow, much slower than was anticipated. Also the large public debt offers concern for the position of the US dollar in the global economy. This could have dire consequences for Aruba's tourism, which to date has experienced an increase compared to last year.

The global economy is also dependant on the price of oil, which in the first half of 2011 has seen a stiff increase. The general fear is that the high price of petroleum and petroleum products may affect global economic recovery. In this context world tourism may be affected, especially those destinations that are farthest away will experience an increase in air travel expenses.

This could affect Aruba's European market. The situation in Europe is also dependant on what course the financial problems of the European Union will take; not only the situation with Greece, but also with Portugal, Italy and Spain. A drop in the value of the Euro compared to the US Dollar could have a devastating effect on European tourists intending to travel to Aruba.

According to the Chamber of Commerce, another reason for concern is the price of food on the international market. During 2010 and in the first half of 2011 there has been a stiff increase in different basic food products influenced by the high price of fuel. Since Aruba imports practically all her food products we will feel the negative impact of this in food prices on the local market.

In the Chambers June 2011 news magazine, Chamber News & Views an extensive article addresses the problem of world food supply. If you're interested in the article, visit the Chamber's website at: www.arubachamber.com/downloads/newsletters.

Chamber of Commerce defends their statements



ORANJESTAD -- Last week Chamber of Commerce President, Jamal Khan publically criticized WEB's intention to raise the water and electricity tariffs, and WEB's lack of transparency and perceived emphasis on making profit. WEB in turn issued a written rebuttal to Khan's remarks, stating that the Chamber should have checked the facts with WEB before making incorrect allegations.

In an article submitted by the Chamber, we read of the Chamber's defense of Khan's statements. According to the Chamber of Commerce, Jamal Khan made reference, in a public interview, to two important aspects raised in the National Social Dialogue. The first aspect has to do with the energy surcharge (brandstofclausule) and the other has to do with the profit margin of both WEB and Elmar. Regarding the energy surcharge, it was finally revealed that this surcharge was and is being used by WEB for expenses of the company that have nothing to do with fuel. The Chamber therefore voiced the opinion that for many years the entire island has been deceived by WEB concerning this energy surcharge.

With respect to the dividends of state owned companies and the government's

viewpoint regarding dividends; the government believes that there is no need to generate excessive profit which ends up being paid back to the government as dividends.

The Chamber expressed their concurrence with the government's position on WEB's profit; hence, this is what Jamal Khan remarked about in his interview with a newspaper.

In conclusion the Chamber made the following observations:

1. We live in a free country and WEB has the right to their opinion. The Chamber of Commerce on the other hand does not see the reason for the criticism of the Chamber because they did not seek information about the matter; the necessary information for their argument was available

2. It is to be applauded that finally WEB and Elmar are taking steps to be more transparent about their operation as state owned companies. As state owned companies this is the correct attitude to have towards the public in general

3. The Chamber of Commerce stands ready at any moment to meet with WEB to clarify any misunderstanding regarding this matter.

Happy birthday Mandela



JOHANNESBURG, South Africa -- Schoolchildren hold birthday cards during a symbolic handover yesterday at the Nelson Mandela Foundation in Johannesburg to set the tone before the Mandela's 93rd birthday and Mandela Day today. For the third year, at the request of his charitable foundation, July 18 will be observed as Mandela Day, recognised by the United Nations as a global call to volunteer for good causes for 67 minutes -- representing each year of Mandela's life in active politics. (AFP PHOTO)

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TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

Venezuela's Chavez in Cuba for chemotherapy



Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez

HAVANA (AFP) - Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez was in Cuba Sunday where he was to begin chemotherapy treatment, after transferring limited powers in hopes of quelling criticism from political opponents back home.

"It is not time for dying; it's time to live," Chavez said in Caracas before departing Saturday.

"I am going for a few days but I am not saying goodbye ... I will return better," he said, without revealing how long he

would be away for.

Despite not ceding much power, Chavez has delegated for the first time a modicum of administrative control to his vice president, Elias Jaua, with the ability to sign his orders.

The president said he would hand over his full presidential powers to Jaua only "if I felt my abilities were impaired."

Chavez also issued a decree giving Finance Minister Jorge Giordani additional powers over economic issues.

The 56-year-old firebrand leader had a cancerous tumor removed during a weeks-long stay in Cuba last month, and

Major AIDS forum gets down to work

ROME (AFP) - A global medical forum on AIDS got down to business yesterday for four days of debate on powerful new weapons to combat a pandemic that in 30 years has claimed as many lives as a World War.

Held every two years, the meeting is taking place in Rome amid a flurry of startlingly good news from scientific trials, prompting some veterans to talk of a watershed in the AIDS story.

"This conference could well be a turnaround," Elly Katabira, president of the International AIDS Society (IAS), told a press conference.

"The results presented this week could prove today as important as the antiretrovirals breakthroughs of the mid-nineties."

Huge excitement has been stirred by proof that the famous drug "cocktail" used to treat people with the human immunodeficiency virus can also be used to prevent HIV infection in others.

was warmly greeted upon his return late Saturday by President Raul Castro and Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez.

On Friday, the Venezuelan leader asked the National Assembly for permission to travel to Cuba to continue treatment following the June 20 operation to remove the cancerous tumor from his pelvic area.

To lawmakers he described the chemotherapy as the "second stage of this slow and complex process of recovery."

Though the National Assembly unanimously approved his travel request, needed for the president to leave the country for more than five days, opposition leaders insisted it was unconstitutional for Chavez to continue to exercise executive authority from Cuba.

"When the president leaves the country, the vice president must assume the chief executive role. It is their duty," said opposition lawmaker Hiram Gaviira.

"The health of the country must be put above the president's health. We must be serious. We believe he should not hold office from Havana," added another opposition lawmaker, Carlos Berrizbeitia.

Scotland Yard chief quits, Brooks arrested over hacking



Rebekah Brooks

LONDON (AFP) - Britain's top police officer resigned Sunday and Rupert Murdoch's former aide Rebekah Brooks was arrested as the phone hacking scandal finally tore into the heart of the British establishment.

Metropolitan Police Commissioner Paul Stephenson said he was quitting due to speculation about his links to Murdoch's empire and the force's botched investigation into hacking at the now-defunct News of the World tabloid.

His shock announcement came just hours after police arrested Brooks -- who resigned on Friday as head of News International, Murdoch's British

newspaper arm -- on suspicion of phone-hacking and bribing police.

Stephenson was linked to former News of the World deputy editor Neil Wallis in reports Sunday which said the police chief accepted a five-week stay earlier this year at a luxury health spa where Wallis was a PR consultant.

Wallis was arrested last week.

The scandal first emerged when two people were convicted over phone hacking at the News of the World in 2006, but did not explode until July 4 when it emerged that one of the victims was a murdered teenager, Milly Dowler.

The flame-haired Brooks, one of Murdoch's closest lieutenants, was editor of the News of the World at the time that Dowler's voicemail messages were hacked and deleted.

Confirming Brooks' arrest on Sunday, her spokesman David Wilson said her detention "came as a surprise" after she attended an appointment at a London police station.

He warned it could affect her planned testimony before British lawmakers on Tuesday.

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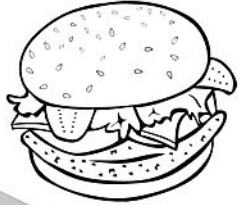
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InselAir celebrates Fokker 50's with KLM



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Schotte, Mr. Arends, Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister at the Government of Aruba and airport authority.

The first 2 of the Fokkers arrived in the beginning of June. The third Fokker arrived at HATO International Airport, Friday evening July 15th.

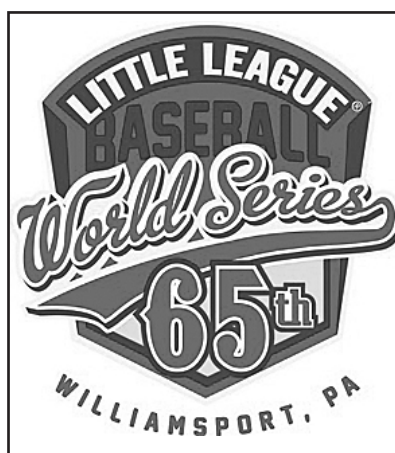
The Fokkers are scheduled to start operating mid-August.

Aruba qualify for Little League World Series

ST. THOMAS, USVI -- On Saturday, Aruba won the eight-day, 10-team Caribbean Region tournament in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. It finished second in Pool B with a 3-1 pool play record losing only to Paribo LL from Willemstad, Curaçao, which went undefeated in pool play.

Aruba North LL from Orenjestad, Aruba beat Elrod Hendricks West LL from the US Virgin Islands, 4-2, to win the Caribbean region.

In the other pool, Jose M. Rodriguez Little League



from Manati, P.R., which was last year's Caribbean Champion, went undefeated while

Elrod Hendricks West LL was the runner-up, losing only to the team from Puerto Rico.

Both second-place teams in pool play upset the top seed from the opposite pool in the crossover semifinal contests. Aruba was a 4-0 winner over Jose M. Rodriguez LL and Elrod Hendricks West LL posted an 8-7 victory over Paribo LL to set up the title contest.

Aruba will play its first LLWS game Aug. 18 against Hamamatsu City, Japan.

Tropical storm potential increases off South Florida

WEST PALM BEACH, Florida. -- Forecasters say a broad area of showers off the Atlantic coast of Florida has a 40 percent chance of turning into a tropical cyclone during the next 48 hours as conditions become more favorable for development.

As the system strengthens offshore, it could pull moisture from storms over Florida, making forecasts for daily thunderstorm activity difficult.

The storm is currently drifting south toward the Bahamas. Computer forecast models have little consensus



where the storm will head, but models on CBS12's Hurricane

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Puerto Rico and Aruba dominate during the World Tang Soo Do Association 14th Regional Championships



Visiting Masters lead the competitors in a final salute



All Trophy winners with Grandmaster Jae Chul Shin

On Saturday, July 16, Aruba hosted the Region 18 Championships of the World Tang Soo Do Association Championships at the Betico Croes Sport Hall in Santa Cruz. Grandmaster Jae Chul Shin, Co-founder and President of the association was present along with an international crew of 14 Tang Soo Do Masters from the U.S.A., Costa Rica, Curacao, Cape Verde Islands and Puerto Rico, base of the Regional Director, Master Wilfredo Burgos. Tang Soo Do is a martial arts discipline originating in Korea and the World Tang Soo Do Association has over 150,000 members in 38 nations around the world. Grandmaster Shin is the author of several books on Tang Soo Do, and was himself

featured as a chapter in the 1971 book, "20th Century Warriors: Prominent Men in the Oriental Fighting Arts," he maintains his dojo in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Competitors squared off in 3 categories: Weapon, Hyungs, and Sparring; medals for first, second and third were awarded in each individual event. Grandmaster Shin distributed the trophies for Overall Champions in Men and Women Division, Boys and Girls, and 35+, Men and Women. The trophy winners were:

Youth Champion Men: Luis Frago of Puerto Rico
Youth Champion Female: Valerie Torres of Puerto Rico
Women's Champion: Stephanie Solognier of Aruba
Men's Champion: Eziel

Eloy Martinez of Puerto Rico
Men's Champion 35+: Eduardo de Veer Jr. of Aruba
Melissa Noguera of Aruba,



2 new masters in Tang Soo Do named by Founder of World Association Jae Chul Shin

organizer of this year's championship event and founder of Gihae Tang Soo Do Aruba dojo, won the Women's 35+ Overall Champion trophy.

Tang Soo Do, which means "China Hand Way," dates back around 2,000 years, based upon techniques adopted from Chinese warriors of the T'ang Dynasty. The techniques were merged with native Korean fighting arts, such as Soo Bahk Ki, Tae Kwon, and the suite of military skills known as Kwon Bup. It is reported that modern

Tang Soo Do bears little resemblance to these ancient fighting systems. One member of the local dojo and parent of a competitor describes the discipline as "more respectful, particularly during competition; they are fighters, but movements are controlled so only a touch will decide a point-it is not so aggressive and there are far less injuries during meets."

by Rosalie Klein



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Happy Birthday Tata Mandela

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa - UN chief Ban Ki-moon has called on people around the world to carry out volunteer work to mark the 93rd birthday today of South Africa's iconic elder statesman Nelson Mandela.

In schools across the country, South Africa's 12.4 million children today sang a special version of Happy Birthday, written by a local composer, for the former president and anti-apartheid hero.

But UN officials and the Nelson Mandela Foundation also want people to sign up for 67 minutes of voluntary work - a minute for every year he devoted himself to the political struggle.

"Together, the best way we can thank Nelson Mandela for his work is by taking action for others and inspiring change," said Ban in a statement.

His birthday, July 18, will for the third year running be observed as Mandela Day, which the UN has a recognised as a day when people are called to give something back to their community.

Companies, charities and celebrities have all announced plans for the day.

A group of bikers left Johannesburg at the beginning of the week to cross the country doing voluntary work in poor communities. Their 2 200km trip ends today in Pretoria.

Schools and orphanages are opening their doors to volunteers to clean and paint, while blood banks are operating extra hours for an anticipated rush of donors.

And Mandela, who has already been showered with international awards, not the least of which is the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize, received further honours in the run-up to his birthday.

Mayor of Cape Town Patricia de Lille named a main road through the city centre Nelson Mandela Boulevard on Friday and announced plans for a permanent exhibition in his honour at the city's old town hall.

That was where Mandela gave his first, historic speech in 1990, after his release following 27 years in South African jails during the apartheid era of white minority rule.

In a separate video message, Ban set out the different ways people could honour Mandela's work.

"Tutor a child. Feed some-

one less fortunate. Care for your environment. Volunteer at a hospital or community centre. Be a part of a global movement to make the world a better place," he said.

"Together, we can help people achieve the dignity and liberty that are their birthright. That is the best way we can honour Nelson Mandela."

Mandela will be spending his birthday with his family at his home Qunu, in the Eastern Cape.

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US spacecraft enters giant asteroid's orbit



WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US spacecraft Dawn has entered the orbit of Vesta, one of the largest asteroids in the solar system, the US space agency announced early Sunday.

Dawn is expected to come within 10,000 miles (16,000 kilometers) of Vesta to study its surface while traveling 116 million miles (188 million kilometers) from Earth.

"It has taken nearly four years to get to this point," said Robert Mase, manager of the \$466 million project at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

After a year of observations and measurements around Vesta, Dawn will depart for its second destination, the dwarf planet Ceres, in July 2012. It will be the first craft to orbit two solar system destinations beyond Earth, said NASA officials.

The foremost objective of Dawn's eight-year mission is to compare and contrast the

two giant bodies, which NASA says will help scientists "unlock the secrets of our solar system's early history."

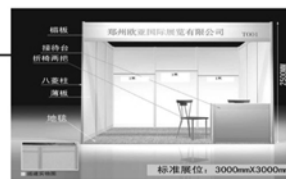
"Dawn's science instrument suite will measure surface composition, topography and texture. In addition, the Dawn spacecraft will measure the tug of gravity from Vesta and Ceres to learn more about their internal structures," NASA said in a press release.

The spacecraft, which was launched in 2007, has a gamma ray and neutron detector instrument, which will gather information on cosmic rays during the approach phase, as well as an infrared mapping spectrometer.

The mission, which can be followed on NASA's website at <http://dawn.jpl.nasa.gov>, comes as a far more famous space craft, the shuttle Atlantis, orbits the Earth on the final mission of the 30-year shuttle program.

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Fast-growing India needs '2nd green revolution': PM



INDIA -- Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh called Saturday for a second "green revolution" to feed the country's burgeoning population that is forecast to overtake China in numbers by 2025.

Under India's "Green Revolution" in the 1960s and 70s -- seen as one of the world's most successful agricultural

turnarounds -- planting of high-yield varieties of wheat and rice resulted in a sharp output rise.

"We all look back proudly to our green revolution which

helped us overcome food shortages and banish the spectre of starvation," Singh told a conference of agricultural scientists.

But now, "we clearly need a second green revolution that is broad-based, inclusive and sustainable", he said, noting agriculture productivity has plateaued and "yields continue to be much lower than what is attainable".

Experts say India must increase yields to feed its population which already stands at 1.21 billion people. India is expected to supplant China as the world's most populous nation by 2025, according to Indian official projections.

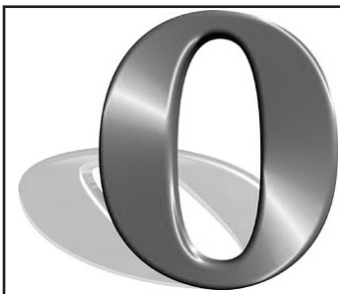
Opera Mini slims smartphone data streams

NORWAY - Opera Mini web-browsing software for smartphones has become an antidote for congested telecom networks and carrier bills that rise along with the amount of data streamed to handsets.

As the popularity of smartphones and tablets continues to surge and telecom carriers shy away from all-you-can-eat wireless data plans, Opera is wooing users with technology that minimizes bytes of data streamed over the air.

Opera Mini was the world's most popular mobile phone browser program in June with just shy of 23 percent of the market, according to figures from industry tracker StatCounter.

Nokia and Android browsers were nearly tied for second place, with 17.66 percent and 17.25 percent respectively, StatCounter reported.



Opera Mini, made by Norway-based Opera Software, boasted more than 120 million users with devices ranging from simple feature phones to sophisticated table computers.

Opera Mini technology shrinks the amount of data necessary to stream to wireless gadgets and then compresses the information it does send to economize on time and bandwidth, explained de Silva.

Opera Mini claimed to cut the amount of data streamed by as much as 90 percent while delivering the informa-

tion being sought by wireless gadget users.

"You have the economical equation," Opera executive vice president of consumer mobile Mahi de Silva said. "And the fact that your browser works; you can get to and browse data in places where networks are congested."

As modern lifestyles increasing involved using wireless gadgets to access videos, pictures, maps, and other data on the internet, companies handling that traffic are asking people to pay monthly based on quantity.

"Their bandwidth is being consumed, saturated, and that is why they are moving away from all-you-can-eat plans," de Silva said of telecom carriers.

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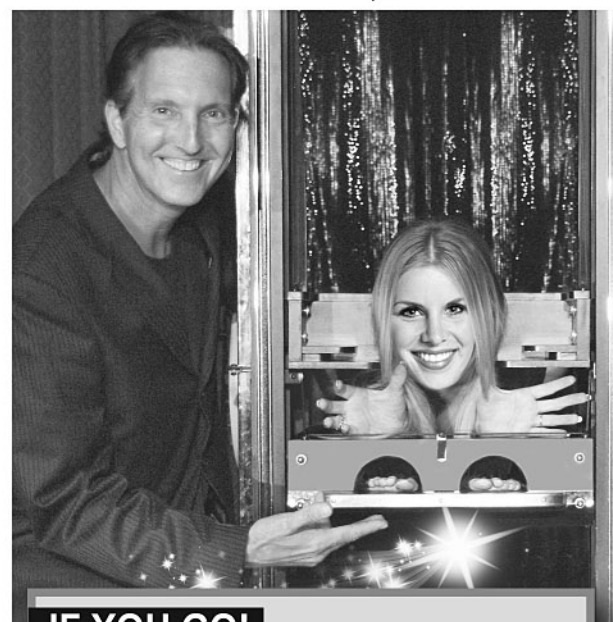
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More radioactive beef found in Japan

TOKYO (AFP) - A scare in Japan over radioactive beef spread on Sunday with more parts of the country reporting contaminated meat, four months after March's quake and tsunami triggered a nuclear disaster.

Meat from 132 cattle that ate straw tainted with high levels of radioactive caesium are known to have been shipped across the country, according to local media including national network NHK and the Asahi Shimbun.

Of the 47 prefectures in

Japan, contaminated meat is believed to have been shipped to 36 of them and consumed in 31, NHK said, including Tokyo.

The government is expected on Tuesday to ban all beef shipments from Fukushima prefecture, where the crippled Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant is still emitting radiation.

Japan has not set up a centralized system to check food for radiation, relying instead on testing carried out by local authorities.

Sea diet and siesta point to Greek island longevity: study



Siestas, a health diet -- and genetics -- could explain why people on the tiny Aegean island of Ikaria live so long, said a study by Greek cardiologists released recently.

"While in the rest of Europe only 0.1 percent of the population is over 90 years old, in Ikaria the figure is ten-fold, 1.1 percent," Christina Chryschoou, a cardiologist at the Athens university school of medicine, told AFP.

The study was conducted from June to October 2009 on over 1,400 of the island's some 8,000 residents, divided into elderly and middle-aged

groups and assessing lifestyle, diet, clinical and other factors.

Thirteen percent of those polled were over 80 years old, while 1.6 percent of men and 1.1 percent of women were over 90.

"Fish, fruit, vegetables, legumes and tea shield the cardiovascular system. Moreover, daily use of olive oil is beneficial to sexual activity and, if added to the moderate consumption of coffee in the afternoon 'siesta', form the ingredients that may compose the secret of longevity," the researchers said.

The study found that the elderly had healthier eating habits and took midday naps more regularly than younger islanders, presenting lower depression rates.

And although the risks of high blood pressure, cholesterol or diabetes are the same as in other parts of Greece, they manifest much later among Ikarians, said professor Christos Pitsavos, a co-author of the study.

Pitsavos added that genetic background could also explain the results.

"What's interesting is to see that the parents of people participating in the study had also lived long lives.

"On average they died between the ages of 67 and 80 when elsewhere in Greece at the time it was 50-55," he told reporters.

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Excitement in the air at the Art Rules Aruba 2011 Kick-off Event



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The dynamic Kip sisters, twins Ayra and Ira, have returned to Aruba with their corps of expert instructors to

conduct the second Art Rules Aruba summer program for island youth ages 14 to 25. The sisters, born in Holland, who spent their early teen years on Aruba, returned for the summer last year to organize 2 weeks of intensive classes in several art disciplines, culminating in a breathtaking gala performance by the nearly 200 participants at the Cas di Cultura in Oranjestad.



Ayra Kip and instructors of Art Rules Aruba 2011

During this year's kick-off party at the Aruba Surfside Marina on Friday evening, July 15, participants in this year's workshops had the opportunity to meet their instructors, many of which are returning, and a number of new additions, such as Baltimore artist Amy Sherald, who will be teaching the newly established Painting and Fine Art class.

It was announced that Art Rules Aruba 2011 will include the beautification of San Nicolas in cooperation and with the support of Valero Refinery and the San Nicolas Business Association, as a special project marking Aruba's silver anniversary of independence (Status Aparte) within the Dutch Kingdom. Noted local artist Vanessa Paulina will be working with Justin McKenzie and Bunny Bread, both from London, who will be utilizing the Art and Design class to produce a commemorative outdoor mural adjacent to the San Nicolas bus terminal, to be unveiled at the close of classes. This year's Art Rules Aruba will not only impact the lives of the participants and their families, but

will leave a long-lasting reminder for all the public of the value of encouraging youthful interest in the arts and exploration and development of their talents. This prompted officers of the Valero Volunteers, a foundation comprised of Valero employees, to present Ayra Kip with a substantial donation of 18,000 Aruban florins in support of this year's program.

Representatives of signature sponsors RBC/RBTT Bank and the Aruba Airport Authority, Joanne Meijer and Hendrick Croes, expressed the enthusiastic support of their organizations for a second year for this vital project for youth, as did Vicki Arens and Zahira Zandaam of the Aruba Department of Culture.

The Kip sisters founded The Pancake Gallery, with outlets in New York, London and Amsterdam, which allowed them access to talented professionals from around the globe to bring their expertise and creativity to Aruba.

Art Rules Aruba 2011 workshops and instructors are:

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In 2011 more than 73,000 buyers and lease clients filled in an IQS 2011 poll following a 90-day tryout. The poll in-



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Aruba's Youth Parliament launches its new website



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Pictures depict the Marketing Director of Paseo

Herencia Candy Rasmijn, sponsor Vicky Perez and the youth Prime Minister Eugene Caines, the youth Minister of Health Victor Yarzagaray and the youth Minister of the Environment Marifer Aguirre Broca at the closing of the Summer Courses and the proud launch of the new website.

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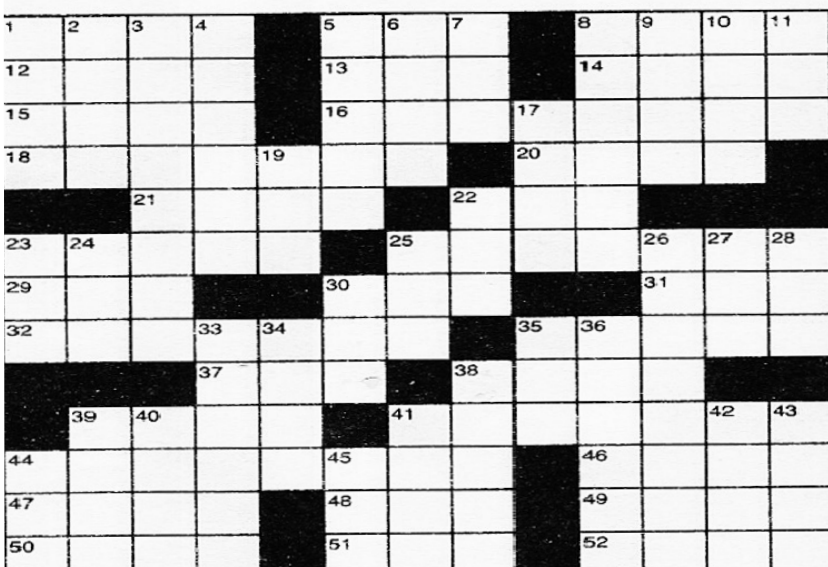
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38. Band instrument
39. "I ___ like"
41. Least amount
44. Anticipated
46. TV's Arnaz
47. Presently
48. Scout Carson

49. Discontinues
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51. O'Toole's rank (abbr.)
52. Hospital talk for "quick"

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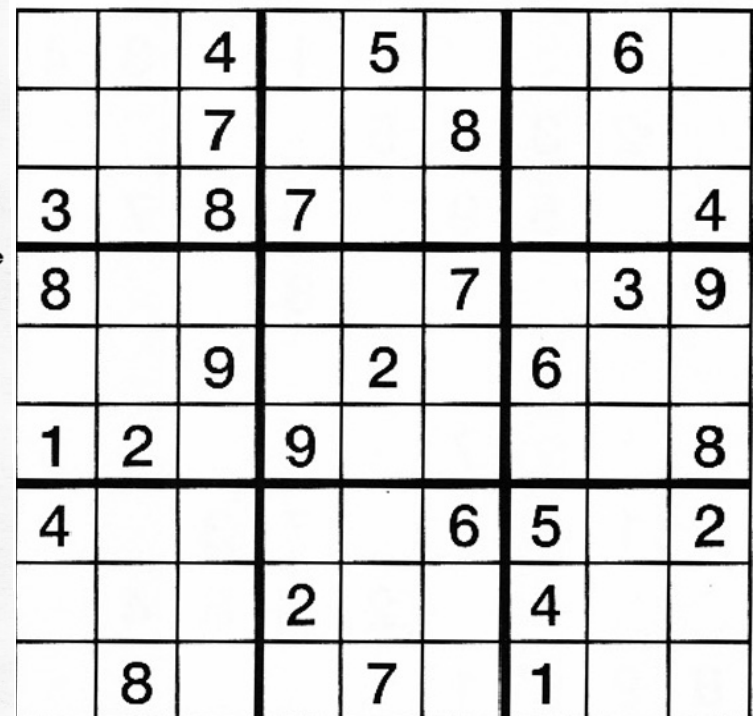
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Eurozone faces crunch week in debt crisis

PARIS, France (AFP) - Eurozone countries must settle their debt crisis at an emergency summit this week to stop Greece toppling into default and dragging bigger euro economies into deeper trouble.

After finance ministers failed to clinch a new rescue package for Greece on July 11, stocks and the euro tumbled amid warnings that a Greek debt default could infect the third and fourth biggest eurozone economies, Italy and Spain.

Some observers warned the crisis could drive Greece to abandon the euro and could even break up the eurozone altogether.

"The policymakers' continued dithering appears to be pulling both Spain and Italy further into the crisis," wrote analysts at financial consultancy Capital Economics.

"Either they stop fiddling and take decisive action or they may soon have to start contemplating the unthinkable."

Belgian Finance Minister Didier Reynders told La Libre Belgique newspaper: "Helping Greece is also helping ourselves by avoiding bringing the whole eurozone into chaos."

EU president Herman Van Rompuy said the summit in Brussels on July 21 will focus on "the financial stability of the euro area as a whole and the future financing of the Greek programme."

Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou said it was time for Europe to "wake up" and find a conclusive solution

to his country's debt crisis.

"We are in the process of reaching a long-term debt breather," he told Sunday's Kathimerini daily, referring to efforts between European leaders and foreign ministers to reach a formula that will make the nation's 350-billion-euro (\$495-billion) debt viable.

"At this stage, there is no room for voices that cultivate fear and bank on failure," Papandreou said.

The EU and International Monetary Fund bailed out Greece in May 2010 with a package worth 110 billion euros (\$160 billion) in exchange for a series of unpopular austerity measures to stabilise its public finances.

Greece is still in serious difficulty and needs another bailout valued at around the same amount. Its debt has exploded and market hostility has kept it from raising fresh loans.

Ireland and Portugal have also had to be bailed out, while Italy and Spain are seen to be at risk due to their strained public finances.

Italy's parliament on Friday passed a 48-billion-euro austerity budget aimed at slashing the public deficit by 2014.

Eurozone leaders are now considering ways to buy up Greek debt to take the short-term pressure off Greece. A key sticking point is what the role of private lenders in this restructuring might be.

Germany is pushing for Greek banks to help shoulder the burden of a second bailout scheme. Critics warn that markets could interpret this as an effective default, with banks forced to let Greece off, and panic would escalate.

EU officials have also mooted a convoluted plan to lend Greece money with which it can buy back its own debt at a reduced price on secondary bond markets, effectively postponing its repayments to give it breathing space.

Meanwhile markets are anxiously watching a row in Washington between US President Barack Obama and his Republican opponents in Congress who reject his plans to raise the country's debt limit to allow more US borrowing.

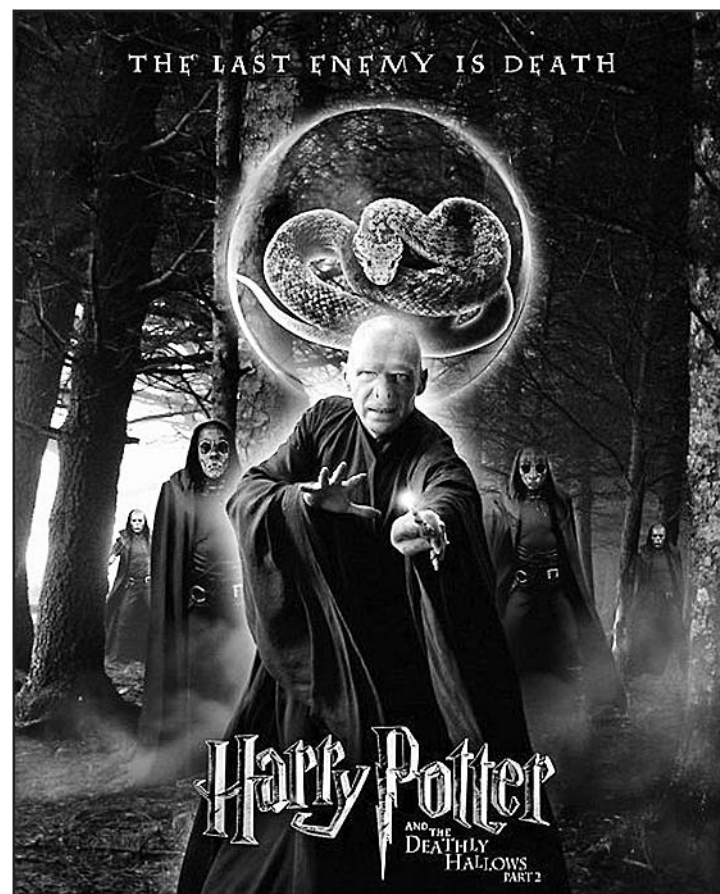
The government has warned that failure to reach a deal could tip the world's richest economy into a debt default.

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(AFP PHOTO)

Harry Potter finale shatters US box office record



LOS ANGELES, California (AFP) - "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows -- Part 2" has smashed the all-time record at the North American box office for an opening weekend, dragging in \$168 million, industry trackers said.

The eighth and final film in the Harry Potter series, which surpassed the last Batman film "The Dark Knight" by \$10 million to notch up the weekend milestone, had already raked in a record \$92.1 million in opening day sales.

"Deathly Hallows -- Part 2," the finale to one of the most successful movie franchises of all time, sees the boy wizard take on the evil Lord Voldemort in a climactic showdown, the second of two movies

based on the final Potter book by British author J. K. Rowling.

"The Dark Knight," the most recent Batman film, which featured the late Heath Ledger in his final and most acclaimed role, previously held the opening weekend title with a \$158-million take upon its 2008 release.

The latest Potter movie, in which stars Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Rupert Grint reprise their lead roles, pushed past single-day records previously set by "The Twilight Saga: New Moon," which took \$72.7 million in 2009.

"Deathly Hallows -- Part 2" is the first Potter movie to have a 3D version as well as the regular 2D release.

SATURDAY'S Crossword Answer

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Noah's "real-life" ark takes shape on Dutch river



Johan Huibers

DORDRECHT, The Netherlands (AFP) - For three years, the quaint old city of Dordrecht has watched in amazement as a local businessman's dream of building a real-life Noah's ark, stocked with thousands of plastic animals, became a reality.

The enormous vessel stands at an abandoned quay on the Merwede River, about 65 kilometers (40 miles) south of Amsterdam. Here, Johan Huibers, 52, and a team of 50 dedicated employees put the final touches to what they believe is the only life-size wooden ark in existence.

"We want to tell people about God," the deeply religious Dutchman told AFP when asked why he undertook the project. "We wanted to build something that can help explain the Bible in real terms."

The plan is to open what Huibers, who is in construction, calls "a Bible museum" by the end of the year, but he will allow local residents in on

a one-day sneak preview later this month.

His undertaking is all the more amazing as Huibers is building the replica according to ancient standards cited in the Book of Genesis, which say the boat was 300 cubits long, 30 cubits high and 50 cubits wide.

With a cubit estimated roughly as the distance between the elbow and fingertips, or a half-meter (1.5 feet), this makes the ark's dimensions staggering -- about 150 meters long (490 feet), roughly four storeys high and some 25 meters across. It weighs around 3,000 tons, Huibers said.

A massive roof protects sprawling decks where Huibers plans to place life-sized replicas of some 1,600 animal species to represent the Biblical tale of Noah, who was ordered by God to build the ark to save his family and animals of all species before the earth was swamped by a massive flood.

"The wood is Swedish pine, because that's the closest we think to the 'resin wood' God ordered Noah to use in the Bible. The animals are plastic and come from the Philippines," Huibers told AFP.

On board there will be sleeping quarters, including Noah's bedroom, a theatre and stage, a fully equipped restaurant as well as conference facilities to seat 1,500 people. There is even a millstone to grind wheat to make "Biblical bread", and artists are painting walls with the story of the ark and other Biblical tales.



The 150 meter-long Noah's ark created by Dutch Johan Huibers is pictured at an old abandoned quay on the Merwede River in Dordrecht. (AFP PHOTO)

'I've always been a dreamer'

The idea for the project came in 1992, said Huibers, when in true Dutch fashion he had a nightmare about the low-lying Netherlands again being flooded by surging waters from the North Sea.

"The next day I bought a book about Noah's ark. That night while sitting on the couch with my kids, I looked at it and said: 'It's what we're going to do'."

By 2004, he had build a smaller ark -- 70 meters long - which he used to take passengers on joyrides along the Dutch canals. Huibers pushed these profits into his grand plan and by mid-2008, construction of the "big ark" had started.

The rest of the financing came from a three million-euro (four million-dollar) bank loan, 500 euros a year from his church and a "100-euro dona-

tion from my 93-year-old mother."

Not all share his vision, including his wife Bianca, a police officer, who "berated" him with the Dutch saying "being normal is being crazy enough," Huibers laughed.

"In the beginning my dad's project was a bit strange," agreed his son Ray, 23, who now works full time to help finish the ark. "But now I find it really great."

Others like Dennis Langeveld, 30, who works on a construction project across the quay, are less convinced.

"He has to do what he has

to do," he said munching a sandwich during his lunch break as he watched activity at the ark. "Maybe he knows something we don't."

Next year, Huibers wants to tow the ark like a barge across the Channel and moor it somewhere in London during the 2012 Summer Olympics "to tell people about God."

He has already done a trial run to Rotterdam, Europe's largest port, and believes his vessel is completely seaworthy.

"I have always been a dreamer," Huibers said smiling.



Plastic animals are seen inside Noah's ark. (AFP PHOTO)



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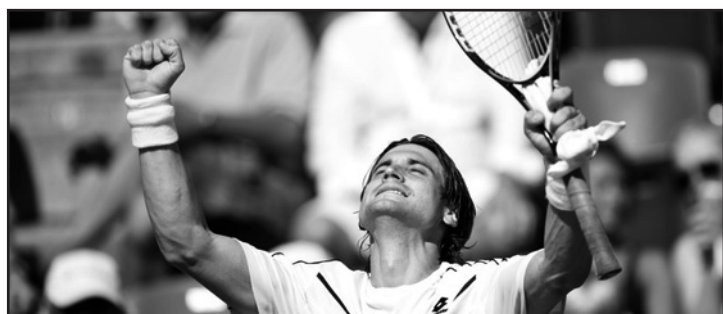
Thomas Voeckler of France and Team Europcar retained his race leaders' yellow jersey after stage fifteen

MONTPELLIER (AFP) - Tour de France leader Thomas Voeckler continued to keep the hosts dreaming of a shock home triumph but said Sunday he has "zero chance" of ending their 26-year wait for the yellow jersey.

Europcar team leader Voeckler emerged from three tough days in the Pyrenees mountains on Saturday with his 1min 49sec lead on Luxembourg's Frank Schleck intact.

A handful of other, more

Spain's Ferrero downs Andujar to win Stuttgart final



Former world number one Juan Carlos Ferrero of Spain won Stuttgart's claycourt ATP tournament on Sunday after he beat compatriot Pablo Andujar in straight sets to claim his 16th career title. The 31-year-old, now ranked 85th in the world, needed just under 80 minutes to pick up the winners cheque of 450,000 euros thanks to his 6-4, 6-0 victory in the final

'Good to be back in business,' says Isinbayeva

Yelena Isinbayeva got her preparations for world championship revenge off to a perfect start with a dominant victory in her first outdoor meet of the season. The 29-year-old Russian star of women's pole vaulting had not taken part in an outdoor meeting since her 4.60m victory in Daegu, Korea on September 25, 2009.

On Saturday, she defied heavy rain and strong winds to clinch victory with a modest winning effort of 4.60m. "It's good to be back in business," she said, quoted by the IAAF. "I wanted to compete because I was strongly focused on this comeback. I did not want to take any risk and decided to attempt a first bar at 4.50m.

fancied challengers are in Schleck's wake including Australian Cadel Evans (2:06), younger brother Andy (2:15) and Spain's reigning three-time champion Alberto Contador (4:00).

Three days in the Alps, starting Wednesday, and the penultimate stage time trial on Saturday are set to decide the race.

Voeckler, who famously spent 10 days in the lead in 2004 when he kept the yellow jersey, albeit temporarily, from Lance Armstrong, has won plenty of plaudits in recent days.

But after Sunday's 15th stage, won by sprinter Mark Cavendish, Voeckler brushed off suggestions he could become the first home winner since Bernard Hinault in 1985.

"There's a week of racing left and the Tour has been designed so that the race is decided in the final week," said Voeckler.

"I'll give it everything, but I'm not going to lie and say I can win it. I really believe I have zero chance of winning the Tour de France.

"It's not a question of not wanting to. Everybody would like to win the Tour. Since Bernard Hinault we're waiting for a (French) winner and since Richard Virenque a podium finisher.



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Argentina coach says Uruguay loss not "failure"

SANTA FE (AFP) - Argentina coach Sergio Batista denied that Saturday's Copa America quarter-final exit to neighbours Uruguay represented a "failure."

"This is not a failure," insisted Batista after Carlos Tevez's missed penalty sealed a shootout defeat following a 1-1 draw after extra-time in Santa Fe.

"I would not call it failure - that is a very strong word. We work to win and I think we really played very well" Batista opined.

But the side failed to take advantage of having an extra man for most of the second

half after Uruguay scorer Diego Perez was red-carded late in the first half.

In that second period, "the intensity dropped off we rather lost our way," Batista acknowledged.

"Today, we did not play badly, we made chances... but we will keep on plugging away to raise our game," said Batista, who took over from Diego Maradona following last summer's World Cup thumping by Germany.

Asked if he might think about stepping down, Batista - a Maradona teammate in the successful 1986 World Cup

campaign - said he wasn't thinking along those lines.

"That is not something going through my head," he said. "Going out hurts, but you have to continue on.

"My work started five, six months ago. We wanted to win the Copa America, but our objective is the World Cup," he insisted.

Batista insisted that Lionel Messi deserved praise despite not finding the net in the tournament on the back of 53 goals for Barcelona last term.

"He played exceptionally for 30 minutes. He had a very good game," Batista said.

Vargas Peru hero as Falcao miss shocks Colombia

CORDOBA1 (AFP) - Peru had a hero in Juan Vargas and Colombia had a villain in Radamel Falcao on Saturday as Italy-based Vargas scored while Porto's Falcao missed a penalty to send the Peruvians into the Copa America semi-finals.

"Falcao never misses a penalty - not even in training," said Colombia's incredulous coach Hernan Dario Gomez as he pondered his well-regarded side's exit from the tournament after Carlos Lobaton and Vargas bagged extra-time goals to give Peru their first semi-final berth in 14 years.

"We made tons of chances, but we missed them," said Gomez as his men prepared to head for home despite having beaten hosts Argentina to top spot in the group.

The Peruvians, who next face Uruguay, had come to the event having finished rock bottom of the last regional World Cup qualifiers.



Juan Vargas celebrate sending Peru to semis.

But under Sergio Markarian they have taken the Copa by storm with this showing in Cordoba and need set themselves no limits, says Vargas.

"It was a really tough game but we applied ourselves. Every one of us fought really hard right to the final whistle," said Vargas.

"I hope we can keep this going," added Vargas, who plays his club football for Fiorentina and is affectionately known as El Loco (the madman).

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Tiger texts inspired me to win says Clarke



Darren Clarke of Northern Ireland holds the Claret Jug aloft following his victory

SANDWICH (AFP) - Darren Clarke revealed that inspirational text messages from injured superstar Tiger Woods had helped him clinch his maiden Major victory at the British Open here Sunday.

Clarke, one of the most popular players in world golf amongst fellow professionals, said Woods' had sent him messages after Saturday's third round after the Ulsterman became the overnight leader.

"I had a couple of really good messages, texts from Tiger," Clarke revealed. "He was giving me a couple of

bits of advice, which was brilliant.

"I replied to him and blah, blah, blah. But just getting little bits of advice and stuff like that, as well, made today even a little bit easier than what it otherwise might have been."

Clarke declined to elaborate on the detail of his messages with Woods, who was ruled out of the Open as he recovers from a leg injury.

However he did divulge that US Open champion and fellow Ulsterman Rory McIlroy had sent him messages on how to handle the final day pressure.

"With Rory it was 'keep doing what you're doing, keep playing the way you're playing.' ... as opposed to me being the old wise one, he was trying to give me all the information," he said.

Phil Mickelson meanwhile revealed Clarke would be a popular Open winner.

"He couldn't be a nicer guy. There's a lot of players that are extremely happy for him," Mickelson said, revealing Clarke had offered support when his wife Amy had been diagnosed with cancer.

"He was one of the first people that called us, Amy and I, a couple years ago. He's been through this and couldn't have been a better person to talk to.

Japan beat USA on penalties to win World Cup

FRANKFURT (AFP) - Japan twice came from behind to win the women's World Cup for the first time on Sunday, beating the United States 3-1 on a penalty shoot-out after the final had finished 2-2 in extra-time.

Japan captain Homare Sawa, who won the tournament's golden boot, kept her side in the game with a header in the 117th minute after US striker Abby Wambach's had put her side ahead early in extra-time after the two sides were locked at 1-1 over 90 minutes.

The Japanese had defender Azusa Iwashimizu sent off in the 121st minute for a foul on US striker Alex

Raina century lifts struggling India's spirits

TAUNTON (AFP) - Suresh Raina lifted India's spirits with an unbeaten 103 against Somerset as the tourists survived with a barely-deserved draw in their only warm-up match ahead of the first Test against England.

Raina's century was the only bright spot in a gloomy trip to the west country for India, who struggled with bat and ball and also allowed England Test captain Andrew Strauss to rediscover his form with scores of 78 and 109.

The Indians had been completely out-played by Somerset on the first two days of this three-day match and started Sunday's play on 138-8 after allowing the hosts to amass 425-3 declared in their first innings.



Hope Solo of the USA looks dejected

Morgan. In the dramatic shoot-out, Japan goalkeeper Ayumi Kaihori saved two penalties before defender Saki Kumagai hit the winning spot-kick.

The US had taken the lead in the second-half of normal time thanks to striker Alex Morgan's sublime strike, but Japan's Aya Miyama poached the equaliser after a mix-up in the American defence in the 81st minute.

This was Japan's first win over the Americans at the 26th time of trying and was heartbreak for the Stars and

Stripes as they missed out on a third World Cup title despite dominating Japan for large periods of the game.

"We made just a couple of mistakes. We let them back in the game but I still think we did well," said USA coach Pia Sundhage.

"We had a lot of possession and played some good soccer. It's hard to lose on penalties, some go in and some go out.

"It's a small difference between winning and losing. We just didn't take our chances."

German Chancellor Angela Merkel celebrated her 57th birthday by joining the 48,817 sell-out crowd in Frankfurt, while Dr Jill Biden, wife of US vice-president Joe Biden, and Chelsea Clinton, daughter of US Secretary of State Hillary, were also in the stands.

Japan made it to final after their shock 1-0 defeat of Germany in the quarter-finals before they dominated Sweden 3-1 in the last four.

The USA followed up a dramatic 5-3 win on penalties over Brazil in the last eight before they beat France 3-1 in the semi-finals.

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Brazil crash out of Copa America



Paraguayan players celebrate

LA PLATA (AFP) - Paraguay dumped holders Brazil out of the Copa America on Sunday, winning a quarter-final penalty shootout 2-0 after a poor match ended goalless after extra-time.

Brazil's penalty-taking proved even more execrable than much of their play, which saw them have plenty of possession but no panache in attack.

Marcelo Estigarribia and Christian Riveros converted for the Paraguayans while Elano, Thiago Silva, Andre Santos and Fred missed for the eight-times continental champions.

Paraguay, who last won the event in 1979, now go on to face either Chile or Venezuela, who were facing off later Sunday in San Juan.

Brazil forward Robinho tried to put a positive gloss on the defeat to a side with

whom they were fortunate to draw in the group stage just eight days earlier.

"I think we played a good Copa overall. But now we must keep our heads up and go on to lift the World Cup in our homeland," said the Milan striker.

Brazil's exit followed that of hosts Argentina, beaten by Uruguay, likewise in a shootout, on Saturday.

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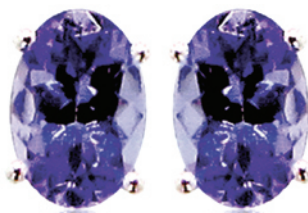


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